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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN AGREEMENT ON TRIESTE/ZONE B

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1. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS ON THE ITALIAN-YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT ON TRIESTE/ZONE B, ALONG WITH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES, FROM NOON PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 1:
2. QTE: Q: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT ON THE YUGOSLAVIAN-ITALIAN AGREEMENT TO SOLVE FINALLY THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM ABOUT TRIESTE AND ZONE B AND THE BORDER DISPUTE. THAT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING IN ROME AND BELGRADE.

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A: THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE AGREEMENT. IN OUR VIEW

THE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT
REFLECT THE STATESMANLIKE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE LEADERS
OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH THIS LONGSTANDING
ISSUE --

Q: IS THAT THE END OF IT?

A: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE CONSIDER THIS AGREEMENT AS

AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE ENHANCEMENT OF STABILITY,
PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS AREA OF EUROPE.

Q: I HAVE ONLY ONE QUESTION. WHAT IS THE AGREEMENT?

A: THE REPORTER ASKED ME ABOUT THE ITALIAN AND YUGO-
SLAVIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THAT THEY HAD
REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE TRIESTE ZONE B BORDER QUESTION.

Q: BOB, AS THE UNITED STATES WAS A SIGNATORY OF THE '54
LONDON AGREEMENT, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO DO
LEGALLY IN ADDITION TO ENDORSING IT NOW IN SUCH WARM
TERMS?

A: NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF, BUT I WILL CHECK THAT.

Q: DIDN'T THE LONDON AGREEMENT PROVIDE THAT THE ZONE B
THING WOULD BE SETTLED THEN BY THE TWO COUNTRIES ALONE OR
NOT? IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE OTHERS.

Q: NO. BUT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES SIGNED THE
LONDON AGREEMENT, SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS WHETHER THERE
IS ANYTHING TO BE DONE.

A: I DO NOT THINK SO. END QTE. KISSINGER

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